

# BEST JOKE IN WASHINGTON AROUSES GREAT INTEREST

## Scores of Answers Unanimous in Naming League Baseball Team.

## Public Officials, Suburban Towns, and Utilities Get Their Share.

### The \$5 Prize Washington Joke

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That Old Washington Baseball Cry: "Wait 'Till Next Year."

Like its predecessor of the previous week, "Why Don't Government Clerks Marry?" last week's question, "What is the Best Washington Joke?" has attracted the widest interest throughout, and the Sunday editor of The Times was more than kept busy opening and reading the replies.

Answers came from old and young alike and from all sections of the District, Maryland, and Virginia. Some of the ideas were brimming with humor, while others were serious and sedate. It is plainly evident that each writer was quite sincere in expressing his or her opinion.

Nearly all of the incidents and landmarks identified with Washington came in for their share, and chief among them was the Washington baseball team. There seems to be quite a general and unanimous opinion that the team, in its present condition and efficiency, is decidedly a joke.

Some of these answers simply said: "The Washington baseball team." Others were more facetious and more or less complimentary. One peculiar feature of the baseball team answers is that each writer seemed to be well imbued with the idea that he or she would be the only one to hold the team the greatest joke.

Next to the baseball team, Public Printer Stillings came in for the most attention at the hands of writers of answers. Various car lines were well cared for, as were various localities and the Washington boom.

Several jokes that did service two or three decades ago were resurrected, given a new dressing of local color, and served as the best Washington joke.

The following named consider Public Printer Stillings the best Washington joke:

H. A. Heiny, 508 Fourth street northwest; W. E. Wilcox, 1844 Wentworth place northwest; Miss Elsie Carson, 1351 Irving street northwest; E. Hettlinger, 415 Eighth street northwest; J. P. Adigan, 90 Massachusetts avenue northwest; F. Schouder, W. Scherer, 318 Fourth street northwest.

#### Somewhat Unanimous.

Here are a few who consider the Washington baseball team the best Washington joke:

Stephen Cantucci, 421 Eleventh street northwest; Lawrence Quinn, Fort Myer, Va.; Mildred E. Martin, 1413 T street northwest; Mrs. L. R. Reif, 512 Eleventh street northwest; M. A. Fagan, 1101 J street northwest; J. P. Stewart, 909 N street; Miss H. Donohue, 1806 Ninth street northwest; Edward Thackston, 1700 Lamont street northwest; Charles H. Randall; Frank Schley, 1204 E street northwest; George L. Ward, 121 Third street northwest; W. L. Hall.

Emory Monroe, 336 Eighth street northwest; Joseph Haley, 1712 Fourteenth street northwest; R. W. Rowe, 713 E street southwest; Milton S. Abel, 615 K street northwest; Mrs. A. P. O'Connell, 1518 T street northwest; J. A. Lawlor, 707 Second street northwest; W. M. Hanes, 711 Seventh street southeast; John N. Manning, 808 Eighth street northwest; W. E. Burch, 1131 Fifth street northwest.

P. W. Brown, Charles Loh, 506 D street northwest; J. Schilling, 1237 G street northwest; Edward Bobbitts, 40 Arthur street, Anacostia; Austin L. Ritz, 1207 G street northwest; James Rinnam, 612 Twelfth street northwest; Thomas Rowe.

J. E. Irving, 67 Eighth street northeast; Mrs. Joe Weeks, 311 New Jersey avenue southeast; M. W. Cookson, 1208 I street northwest; T. E. D. E. Cooley, 1205 Morse avenue northeast; C. A. Keys, Eleanor E. Capers, 406 G street northeast; P. J. Burton, Mrs. Hartman, 304 C street northeast; John Hoffman, Jr., 211 First street southeast; C. M. Ash, 713 North Capitol street northeast; Edward A. Weiss, 514 East Capitol street; Robert L. Moorman, 519 F street northeast; Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, 1216 H street northeast; J. Cohen, 1246 Seventh street northwest; F. M. Plack, Jr., 1443 A street southeast; Susie Ladd.

M. H. P., 1523 T street northwest; C. W. Weeks, Hyattsville, Md.; John S. May, 613 B street northwest.

One Never Told.  
J. M. Shipley, 527 Twelfth street—The one that has never been told.

The Open Shop.  
B. Browning, 1247 Four-and-a-half street—The Employers' Association trying to enforce the open shop.

August Orgel—Who got the "lemon"?  
Foults and Police.  
Charles H. Randall—Dorsey Foults playing peek-a-boo with the Police Department.

Blunder on Stillings.  
H. Winkelman, 1123 Seventh street northeast—The editorial blunder of the Washington newspapers in regard to Stillings' removal from office.

Can't Catch Kemp.  
Z. O. K., 2441 K street northwest—Can't catch Kemp or Dorsey Foults.

Street Improvements.  
Mrs. Harry O. Nash, 714 Eighteenth street northeast—The way the streets on one side of the avenue have been mended and the way the other side is being done!

Cans and Sacks.  
Mary Ellsworth, 21 Grant street, Anacostia, D. C.—What do you see in a sack?

NO PAIN—NO HIGH PRICES  
Set of Teeth, \$4  
Gold Crowns, \$3  
Bridge Work, \$4  
Fillings, 50c.  
Washington's Painless Dentist,  
611 7TH ST. N. W.

Breaks Into Rhyme.  
Edward Franklin, 1808 H street northwest—Why is Washington the most superlative of cities?  
A—stands for "all," which leaves nothing out.  
B—stands for the "sum" of all else combined.  
H—stands for "heaven," if you are that way inclined.

## \$10--Ten Dollars for a Line--\$10

### Supply the Missing Line of This Limerick:

There was an old rooter of fame,  
Who shouted and yelled at each game:  
"Just wait till next year,  
"And then we'll come here  
"And ————"

The \$10 cash prize will be awarded for the brightest and cleverest fifth line to the above limerick. Send in as many as you please. See next Sunday's Times for the winner.

### Address Sunday Editor, The Washington Times.

Washington that you see in no other city of the world?

A. Women coming out of "Kanna" (cans) and men coming out of "Saks" (sacks).

#### Resemblance to Piano.

Hoover M. Zook, 622 Fourth street northeast—Q. Why is Washington like a piano?

A. Because the dark keys are above the white.

#### Greater Washington.

Lewis B. Cooke, 400 H street northeast—The Greater Washington that was promised some time ago, which died away so soon; also the joke of capturing Mr. Dorsey Foults and Mr. Kemp.

#### The Philippine Question.

R. P. Rixey, 1122 Park road northwest—The price we paid and what we got.

#### Calls It the G. P. O.

William P. Beall, 1232 U street southwest—The Government Printing Office.

#### Weather Bureau.

Ignatius La Mounoy, 928 Ninth street northwest—The Weather Bureau.

#### Anacostia Cars.

A. Ellisworth, 21 Grant street, Anacostia—The Anacostia cars.

#### Pennsylvania Avenue.

B. F. Ashby, 606 Q street northwest—I am "blind" but would willingly give a million dollars to see "Pennsylvania avenue" in its proper condition again.

#### Loeb's Stillings Announcement.

Wallace J. Hill, 204 Seventh street southwest—Mr. Secretary Loeb to the press: "The President has no thought of removing Mr. Charles A. Stillings, the Public Printer."

#### Airs of the Residents.

Henry James, 704 L street northwest—The insincerity of so many of our population, who assume airs to make others believe they are rich, if not actual "John D.'s." The joke lies in the fact that they believe the impression is accepted, whereas, the more sensible element view their actions with ridicule and disgust.

#### G. P. O. Auditing System.

A Printer—The new auditing system adopted by the Government Printing Office.

#### This One Has Whiskers.

J. S. Tomlinson, 706 Eleventh street northwest—Why is it that George Washington in his day could stand in his front yard at Mt. Vernon and throw a silver dollar across the Potomac river with so much more ease than it can be done now?

Because a dollar in those days would go farther than it will in these days.

#### Nationals Winning Two Games.

James A. Taylor, 17 Jefferson street, Anacostia—The Washington baseball club winning two straight games, from Boston, Thursday, August 29.

#### This Man Offers Six.

W. P. Ryan, 1913 New Hampshire avenue—(1) The White House mansion (after an outsider sees it). (2) George Washington never told a lie (one hundred years old). (3) Pennsylvania avenue at the present time (or the "Rocky Road to Dublin"). (4) Political graveyard for every old mudhead in the United States, and the world, as well. (5) A place on the map where a citizen is not a citizen of the United States. (6) The Washington ball club.

#### Departure of Kemp.

N. C. Robertson, 1014 Seventh street northeast—Arthur Kemp, when he walked out of his office with a nice little bundle of police property.

#### Teachers Earning Salary.

Mrs. R. T. Sloan, 1714 Connecticut avenue northwest—It would be awful if the

#### Insects Exterminated

MOTHS, ROACHES, ANTS, BEDBUGS AND OTHER INSECTS EXTERMINATED under contract. CHARGES MODERATE. Estimates and advice gratis; 20 years' practical experience; no charge made until insects are fully exterminated.

Address, WENDAL E. OLIVE, Insect Specialist, 517 K St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

District school teachers would have to earn their salary. An awful joke.

#### Hung Jury of One.

John N. Manning, 900 Eighth street northeast—I was a hung jury trying to decide between the ball club, the Avenue, Collins, Stillings, Pete, or this question contest, but the scores in Philadelphia last Tuesday compel me to be unanimous in favor of Cantillon's biggest show on earth.

#### Puts It on Police Chief.

D. William Oyster—The best in thirty years is our chief of police.

#### Has Two to Offer.

G. S. Barnes, 1423 Pennsylvania avenue—Why is the Washington baseball club like the ball on the State Department? Because they both drop daily. Washington's failure to capture Dorsey Foults.

#### One Against Cupid.

Elva McNamara, 517 Fifth street northeast—The marriage license.

#### One on Other Fellow.

Mrs. M. S. Chapman, Orange, Pa.—The joke on the other fellow.

#### Four Chances for Five.

Hal B. Deane, Deane and D. C.—1. Stillings. 2. Removal of city pumps that the kids might have their finger at the horse trough and the men there at the beer trough. 3. Weather Bureau. 4. Macfarland's bantam rooster crowing at the germ which escapes from Dr. Woodward's back yard and was later lost in a cloud of smoke pouring from Mr. West's chimney.

#### Hard on School Board.

Annie L. Lucas, 125 Seventh street southeast—The new school board.

#### Anacostia Passenger Law.

H. Ray Lehman, 1383 F street northeast—The fifty-passenger law on the Anacostia railway crossing the Eleventh street bridge.

#### Poor Old Groundhog!

Cora King, 2207 H street northwest—The groundhog was afraid to come out of his hole because he thought Teddy Roosevelt would put a coin in his place.

#### Well, Just Look at This!

Charles Ross—The Washington sporting editor.

#### It Was Never Told.

Mrs. H. K. Harrington, 1435 W street northwest—I don't think it was ever told.

#### Jolt for Bureau Cars.

R. Campbell, 1035 Fifth street northeast—The bureau cars. Try them.

#### This Might Be Worse.

Wilbert Brunner, 1112 New York avenue—"Noah's Ark," better known as the B. & O. depot.

#### Another Not Out.

Henry Von Stadedt—Is not out yet.

#### President's Third Term.

W. F. O'Donnell, 23 K street northeast—If the President declared his intention of running for a third term.

#### This Will Please Straphangers.

Joy Colwell, 609 Eighth street northeast—Pay fares to street car company to hang on straps.

#### That Statue Again.

U. S. Cologne, 414 P street northwest—If you will go to the east front of the Capitol and take a look at the nude statue of our George Washington you will see that he hasn't actually got

#### Watch for the Tiny Tads!

There that please "Our Price" Plate will stand the most critical test. Guaranteed to fit.

#### GOLD CROWNS, BRIDGEWORK.

FILLINGS, 50c up. Lady Attendant. Hours, 8 to 5:30. D. C. DENTISTS - 617 7th St. N. W. Dr. Todd. Phone Main 2504.

## MASONIC ELECTION IN ALEXANDRIA

### Royal Arch Chapter Chooses J. E. W. Timberman High Priest.

### Permit for Next School Term to Be Issued Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., SEPT. 8.

A largely attended and interesting meeting of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was held at their temple in this city last evening, when the following officers were elected: High priest, J. E. W. Timberman; king, W. H. Charles; scribe, S. P. Fisher; treasurer, W. Lewis Allen; secretary, K. Kemper; captain of host, M. L. Dinwiddie; principal journeyman, F. W. Latham; R. A. C., T. A. Fisher; third master of veil, W. B. Davis; second master of veil, C. H. Fletcher; first master of veil, J. G. Graham; chaplain, the Rev. E. V. Regester; steward, L. Ruben; tiler, P. C. Timberman.

Next Monday will be observed by the Ismaelites of this city as New Year. Services appropriate to the occasion will be held next Monday evening at the synagogue in North Washington street. The Rev. Rabbi A. Blum, of New York, will officiate.

The September term of the corporation court, Judge Barker, will open at the courthouse next Monday morning. Among the cases which are set for this term of the court are the following: Monday, Harvey Robinson and Charles Markell, grand larceny; Tuesday, Charles Michael and George Griffin, arson; Wednesday, John Dogan, burglary.

The clerk of the city school board tomorrow morning will begin the issuing of permits to pupils to attend the public schools. The permits will be issued at the school board, in South Royal street, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be devoted to white children, and Thursday and Friday to colored ones.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie May Hays was held from her home, in Franklin street, this afternoon and was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. D. Bulla, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the burial was made in Bethel Cemetery.

Dr. C. E. Outcalt bought at auction today from R. E. Knox, auctioneer, a lot of ground on the east side of Fairfax street, near Gibbons streets for \$20.

St. Mary's Sunday School will reopen tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the hall of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum.

At Christ Protestant Episcopal Church tomorrow the Rev. L. Lloyd will conduct the services in the morning.

All of the resident clergymen of the city have returned from their vacations and will tomorrow occupy pulpits in their respective churches.

The circuit court, Judge J. B. Thorn, E. W. R. Ewell, of Alexandria county, was admitted to practice today in the circuit court, Judge J. B. Thornton presiding. The habeas corpus proceedings of Frederick Kaus, Jr., vs. Emma Nightingale were continued until September 23. G. L. Booth was designated as commissioner in chancery.

enough clothes on to keep the poor fellow warm through the long winter months, for they have to build a house over him to make it more pleasant. If you will look close you will see that he is terribly cross-eyed, caused, I think, from looking down for more clothes.

#### Municipal Building.

E. M. Quad, 1909 Vermont avenue northwest—The report that the new Municipal Building on Pennsylvania avenue will be finished some time during the twentieth century.

#### Washington's Statue.

Paul D. Miller, 831 Eighth street northeast—The piece of statuary facing the east side of the Capitol representing the Father of His Country as a Roman.

#### H Street Car Line.

Frank J. Herring, 11064 D street northeast—If street cars, because the car track is like a camel's back and the wheels are flat to keep the people wake all night.

#### LOCAL MENTION.

Bel's Oyster House, 1916 7th St. N. W., Formerly Phila. Oyster House, now open. Oysters in every style. Phone N. 54. E. F. Bell, Prop.

#### Sunday Hours, 5 P. M. to 11 P. M.

Phila. Oyster & Chop House, 513 11th n.w.

#### Fresh Fruit Used.

In all our ice cream. Rosenfeld's, 513 H n.e. Phone Lincoln 1008. Order now.

An invisible, instantaneous skin perfume beautifier, describes Satin skin powder.

#### Sea Foods, Steaks, Chops, Salads, Etc.

Phila. Oyster & Chop House, 513 11th n.w.

#### Contract Awarded.

The Treasury Department today awarded the contract for the public building at Decatur, Ill., to V. Jobet & Sons, of Peoria, at \$2,563.

#### Welshbach Lights—Gas Repairs.

616 12th st. C. A. Muddiman & Co., 1204 G.

#### Hartung's Vanilla Ice Cream

Will please you. It contains more than 15% butter fat, which assures a High Standard of purity. Hartung's Sanitary Dairy, 108 Florida ave. Phone North 1351.

#### Perfection in Oyster Cooking.

Phila. Oyster & Chop House, 513 11th n.w.

#### Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra at

Park Hotel Summer Garden, Rathskeller, N. Y. Ave. and 11th St. F. Endres, Prop.

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GIVES ANNUAL DINNER

Following the two days' convention of the honor division superintendents, Eastern Division of the International Correspondence Schools, the honor delegates were tendered a banquet at Freund's last evening, this being one of the features of the semi-annual conventions recently inaugurated.

Vice President J. H. Reichert presided as toastmaster. The toasts were: "Our Courses—How to Convince Prospects," by F. W. Wilson, of the mail soliciting department; "The Division Superintendent in His Relation to the Home Office and the Company," by F. C. McLaughlin, of the Eastern department; and "The I. C. S. Fraternity," a new feature by J. D. Jones, of the president's department.

### FATHER'S WRATH FORCES BATONYIS TO PART FOREVER

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outside. Her own daughter, formerly Mrs. Burke-Roche and Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, her sister, have likewise declined to have aught to do with the husband.

Only her two sons, Maurice and Francis, have remained loyal to the former social queen, and it was through them finally, it is said, that old Frank Work brought his daughter to submission. He gave her the alternative, it is declared, of sharing with her sons in his vast estate, or of begging both herself and her boys—the former if she cut loose from her husband, the latter is she elected to stand by him.

Though professing still to love her husband, the wife finally gave way before her father's demands, and it is said that the final arrangements for the renunciation will be completed in New York on Monday.

#### Batonyi Consented.

The two boys who have thus been used to force their mother into submission are sons by Mrs. Batonyi's former husband. It is said here that Batonyi has consented to his wife's act, and that they parted after a most heart-rending scene.

Mrs. Batonyi is in a nervous and distraught condition, and fears of a nervous breakdown are entertained. Her friends have been informed for some time of the difficulties under which she has been laboring and in a spirit of unselfishness rare among the elect have been striving to lighten her burden by diverting her mind. She was the guest of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt at the horse show one afternoon this week, and during the entire afternoon, Mrs. Vanderbilt devoted herself almost entirely to keeping the attention of her guest occupied. Other social lights have performed similar service.

Mrs. Burke-Roche being a dashing horsewoman, the two were brought together by reason of the race, and soon Batonyi became the veritable shadow of the beautiful society leader. Half a dozen times they were reported married, and when the truth did come out, Batonyi not only met with a storm of opposition from her father, but with a diminution of her income, which seriously embarrassed her ambitions as a leader of the Newport set.

One of the final blows leading up to today's announced climax was the advertisement which Frank Work recently caused to be inserted in the New York and Newport papers, placing his Newport mansion, Elm Court, one of the show places of the summer social capital, on the market.

Mrs. Batonyi had hoped to retain her right to hold court there, and this blow, it is believed, helped to weaken her spirit. She was in a condition in which she was unable to resist the ultimatum of her implacable parent.

### Here's a Genuine

### Bargain in an Automobile

I have a two-cylinder Wayne Touring Car. It hasn't been in private use for more than four months. The car was used in the automobile show held here as a demonstrating "show-car." Made exceptionally well, and has recently been thoroughly overhauled and adjusted. Equipped with Shebler Carburetor, Searchlights, New Comutator, first class tires and one extra tire. Recently ran to Atlantic City and all through Pennsylvania without any trouble whatsoever. Will carry five passengers. Let me show it to you, and demonstrate its merits. The price will be made right to assure quick sale.

Box 448 Times Office

## BOOM IN TRADE BOOMS BUSINESS DURING SUMMER

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summer season. They report that while they have not been expanding their credits to any degree beyond taking care of the needs of their customers, these have been given proper accommodation.

### Experience of Big Retailers.

The statements of some of the leading retail establishments are notable. Expressions like the following were made: "The biggest June, July, and August since we have been in business." "We have conducted the largest special summer sale in our history." "Eight thousand dollars more business this August than in any other." "Very much better" and similar enthusiastic expressions.

Wholesale establishments that do a large business both in the city and through the South say that they have experienced a most prosperous summer. Crops have been good in the country, they say, and better prices are being obtained. The result is that dealers are buying more to meet their needs.

All unite also in expressing the belief that the fall will be exceptionally good. The satisfactory summer is giving way naturally to better fall conditions, and it is expected that business will proportionately increase.

That Washington is forging ahead commercially is indicated by the expression of the largest wholesale dealers in the city. He related that a railroad man who had opportunity to observe intelligently the volume of shipping out of the city, had said that in the eight months following the activity of the Joint Shippers' Association last fall the shipments from Washington had increased 75 per cent.

### Building Industry Hurt.

The one discordant note, however, in the general chorus of prosperity comes from the building industry. This has been sorely torn by unsettled labor conditions and operations have been on a much more limited scale than is customary at this time of the year. Investors are afraid to put their money into speculative building under the conditions, so that with trouble with the building trades and lack of money to construct building projects, the industry has been hurt.

Many contracts are being held up and plans not as yet submitted to contractors for bids are being kept in vaults and desks awaiting the time when it will be safe to venture into the market again.

And it is not expected that conditions will materially change until next spring, even though the labor situation is all varied. Prominent members of the Employers' Association are outspoken, however, in their belief that they now have the labor question solved. They say that they already have sufficient men to go ahead with all the work now on hand and that there are available for future needs. They are confident that if those who have contracts to let would decide at once to proceed with them, they would have no difficulty in carrying through any work offered. They hardly hope, though, that operations will come back to their normal condition much before next spring.

This is the business situation in Washington in the summer of 1907.

## "77" Seventy-seven for Grip and COLDS

Catching Cold in the Autumn is dangerous; a deep-seated Cold now, may hang on all Winter and cause serious results before Spring.

If you will carry a vial of Dr. Humphreys' "Seventy-seven" in your pocket (as many do) for the next few months and take a dose at the first chill or shiver you will escape Colds the entire Winter.

All Druggists sell it, most Druggists recommend it. 25c.

Humphreys' Homeo. Med. Co., Cor. William and John Streets, New York.

### SUMMER PRICES

RED CROSS  
\$10 Plates \$7  
\$7 Plates \$5  
Set of Teeth \$3

### Bridge Work